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HONORS TO THREE

Charles S. Stevenson

Rt. Rev. Msgr. R. J. Schumacher

Len Dawson

Three outstanding Kansas Citians will be honored by Avila at the Commencement Exercises on May 30. Sister Olive Louise, President, will confer the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters on Charles S. Stevenson in recognition of his work with youth, community endeavors, education, and national defense. Len Dawson and Rt. Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Schumacher will receive the Avila Medal of Honor, Dawson for his sportsmanship and team leadership, Monsignor Schumacher for his priestly dedication to his people.

Charles S. Stevenson, an Executive of Hallmark Cards, Inc., until his recent retirement, is an active member of the Avila Board of Councilors and has served in an advisory capacity for three other colleges. For fifteen years, Stevenson was civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army; and in recognition for his services he received the Distinguished Civilian Service Award, the army's highest civilian award.

He organized and served as president of the Armed Forces Council, People to People Movement, National Office Management Council, and the Dugout Club of the Kansas City Royals. He has written over 400 articles for newspapers and magazines. He is an active member of many business, education, religion, and government organizations.

Len Dawson, famed quarterback of the Kansas City Chiefs, has made a major contribution to sports in the Midwest. With the Chiefs for eight years and a pro for fourteen years, Dawson has received multiple professional honors, established a long list of firsts, and has played with equal success on the AFL and the NFL. In the keen competition of professional football, Dawson ranks right at the top with his team, the Kansas City Chiefs.

Monsignor Schumacher has worked in the diocese of Kansas City since the time of his ordination in 1936. Originally from Erie, Pennsylvania, he did graduate study at the Catholic University of America, earning his Licentiate in Canon Law in 1943. His duties in Kansas City have been both administrative and pastoral. He has served as chancellor of the diocese and has been vicar general since 1956. On May 5, he was honored as Knight of the Grand Cross by His Eminence, Eugene Cardinal Tisserant, who came to Kansas City from Rome to bestow this honor. Monsignor Schumacher is pastor of St. Elizabeth Church.

1970 GRADUATION

Eighty-five seniors, the largest class since Avila moved to its new campus, will receive their bachelor's degree on May 30. Commencement exercises will be held at 8 p.m. on the terrace of the administration building. A reception for the graduates and the other honorees of the evening will be held in the alumnae lounge following the commencement exercises.

The graduates who will receive their bachelor of arts degree are the following: Kathleen Anderson, Wilma Anderson, Marlene Arroyo, Margaret Aziere, Sister Jeanne Belnap; Sister Angelina Bernardino, Patricia Bleier, Loretta Knipper Bosley, Diane Brown, Mary Carey, Margaret McDonough Couch, Joan D'Agostino, Diane Dallavis, Betty Davis, Mary Dixon, Janet Dwyer, Kathleen Eagan, Carol Federkiewicz, Kathleen Furman, Kay Gangel, Mary Margaret Geis.

Karen Green, Martha Louise Habiger, Mary Judith Hadden, Susan Marie Hare, Kathleen Ann Hauser, Mary Margaret Huber, Carol Huddleston, Teresa Jackson, Catherine Keleher, Kathleen Keller, Jeanne Marie Kelly, Amelia Kissgen, Mary Evelyn Kletchka, Rose Ann Kraft, Judith Lenihan, Christine Lutz, Katherine McCarthy, Elizabeth McCormack, Mary Murray, Julie Owen, Sister Louise Putthoff.

Charlotte Recob, Shirley Richardson, Sister Stephanie Schroeder, Susan Schuler, JoAnn Schweitzer, Louise Serrone, Catherine Seward, Winifred Smith, Maria Spaeth, R. Pauline Spruill, Helen Morris Von Bevern, Patricia Wagner, Susan Wandless, Mary Helen Waters, Ethel Weddle, Mary Ellen Wegener, Melanie Williams.

Graduates who will receive their bachelor of science in nursing are the following: Sally Bohlander, Sister Rosa Brown, Patricia Comiskey, Noella DeVolder, Jeanne Foster, Barbara Frey, Maureen Frey, Lynn Gremli, Marie Hamil, Nancy Hayde, Sister Sharon Hayes, Eleanor Higley, Judith Hill, Margaret Janssen, Sister Elizabeth Jimenez, Carolyn Johnson, Karyl Keffler, Barbara Klug, Lila Krabbe, Sister Elizabeth Langley, Sister Mary Margaret Lazio, Linda Morrison, Pamela Nickel, Denise Sheeran, Sister Patricia Ann Vespa, Barbara Ware.

Guests from Rome

The Dean of the College of Cardinals, His Eminence, Eugene Cardinal Tisserant, visited Avila and was guest of honor at a luncheon and a reception on May 4. He spent a few days in Kansas City while visiting major cities of the United States. Pictured above with the Cardinal (center) are Sister Olive Louise Dallavis, President, and Alfred J. Blasco, Chairman of the Avila Board of Trustees.

Sympathy

Mrs. Dorothea Gordon died on April 16, after a long illness. Mrs. Gordon was the wife of Norman P. Gordon, 1200 Huntington Road, a member of the Avila Board of Trustees and of the Avila Board of Councilors. Mrs. Gordon was one of the original founders of the Avila College Scholarship Sponsors. Friends of the Gordon family have set up the Dorothea Gordon Scholarship Fund in her memory.

She is survived by her husband; two daughters, Mrs. Kathryn Farrier '58, of Cleveland and Margaret Mary Gordon of the home; and two sons, Thomas F. Gordon and John Shuford Gordon, both of Kansas City. Avila extends deep sympathy to the Gordon family.

DREAM BALLET

Add "A Midsummer Night's Dream" to your summer fun by attending the ballet presentation of the "Dream" which Nancie Raether and her dance students will offer on Thursday, June 11, at 8 p.m., in the auditorium of Shawnee Mission East High School. Featured with Miss Raether in leading roles in the Shakespearean comedy will be Steve Short, as Bottom, and Robert Sullivan, as Oberon. The

youngest dancer, Kimberly Henshaw, aged four, will take the role of the Changeling Boy.

Miss Raether, a junior at Avila, is a ballerina of unusual talent who has won much praise for her creative interpretation of classical and modern dance. In addition to her performance in the leading role of Titania, she has choreographed the entire production. Her dance students, ranging from four to seventeen years in age, will perform. Miss Raether conducts dance classes at Avila College in late afternoon and on Saturday as well as during the summer.

Admission to "A Midsummer Night's Dream" is $1.00 for adults and $.50 for children under twelve. Tickets may be purchased in advance at Avila College, 11901 Wornall Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64145. Telephone 942-3204.

Rehearsals for "A Midsummer Night's Dream" to be presented by Nancie Raether and her dance students indicate a delightful performance. Pictured upper left is Nancie (Titania) and Robert Sullivan (Oberon) dropping their roles for a moment to converse. Charming the forest as the ballet dream unfolds (above right) Titiana barely touches the earth as she rehearses in the Avila woods.

BABIES

Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Hellman (Shirley Fowler '57) a daughter, Jeanne Marie, on December 3, in Shawnee Mission, Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dell'Orco (Judith Briscoe '64) a son, Robert Thomas, Jr., on January 30, in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Hal Edward Hunter III (Carole Jean Delaney '67), a daughter, Colleen Lyn, on February 5, in Sikeston, Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sigg (Barbara Hentzen '64), a son, Keith Alan, on February 5, in Ewa Beach, Hawaii. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ceule (Janet Holton '66), a daughter, Kathleen Lynn, on February 25, in Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. George Fague (Janet Orschein '65), a son, James Francis, on March 15, in Madison Heights, Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey R. Piercy (Mary Beth Field '69), a son, Daniel Trent, on March 27, in Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence A. Trompeter (Judith Schuepbach '65), a son, Craig Patrick, on April 5, in Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Davis (Patricia Ominski '65), a daughter, Stacey Louise, on April 14, in Columbia, Missouri. Dr. and Mrs. Richard Laubengayer (Susan St. Clair '65), a daughter, Katherine Elizabeth, on April 20, in Kansas City, Missouri.

DEATHS

John P. Hennessey, father of Mary Janice Hennessey '63 and father-in-law of Mrs. Patrick Hennessey (Anne La Bonte '64), on April 21, in Kansas City, Missouri. Mrs. Ross H. Ladd, mother of Barbara Ladd '47 and mother-in-law of Mrs. Leonard V. Ladd (Mary C. Stanley '35), on April 29, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Richard E. Hornbeck, father of Mrs. John J. Murphy (Mary Louise Hornbeck '43) and father-in-law of Mrs. Richard E. Hornbeck (Rosemary O'Leary '45), on May 4, in Kansas City, Missouri. Mrs. Frank E. De Coursey (Ruth Dugan '39), sister of Mrs. John H. Mayer, Jr. (Jane Dugan '35), Mrs. Thomas Reardon (Dorothy Dugan '37), Mrs. Bruce Cloud (Virginia Dugan '40); sister-in-law of Mrs. Robert J. Dugan (Elizabeth Male '50), on May 6, in Wichita, Kansas.

Advanced Degrees to Alums

Two alums will receive higher degrees at June graduations: Mrs. Fred L. Mitchell (Teresa Niemek '58) her Ph.D. in Administration and Education at the University of Missouri at Kansas City; and Katie Dawes '63 her M.A. in Photography at Illinois Institute of Technology. Congratulations!

Avila Birthday Party

Five hundred dinner guests enjoyed the Avila Birthday Party at the Plaza Inn and the entertainment by Bob Barker, Len Dawson, and Kay Dennis. Seated left to right at the table for special guests are Bob Barker, Mr. and Mrs. Len Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred J. Blasco, Phil Koury, and Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Shook.

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